

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments to the claims and following remarks. Applicant notes the Examiner's consideration of the information cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 4, 2007, as acknowledged in the Office Action Summary.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interviews held on December 3, 2007, December 4, 2007 and December 5, 2007, with respect to consideration of proposed claims to advance prosecution.

Claims 18-49 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 and 12-17 have been canceled by this amendment. Claim 11 was canceled by a previous amendment. New claims 18-49 have been added.

In the interviews on December 4, 2007, the Examiner was presented with new independent claims 18, 28, 38 and 44 for consideration. Claim 18 defines an anisotropic conductive films shown in Figs. 1B to 1D of the present application while claim 28 recites the anisotropic conductive film embodiment shown in Fig. 1F. Method claim 38 is presented to recite the method of making the anisotropic conductive films shown in Figs. 1B to 1D whereas claim 44 recites the method of making the anisotropic conductive film shown in Fig. 1F. In an interview held on December 5, 2007, the Examiner indicated favorable consideration would be given to the proposed independent claims. Dependent claims 2-10 and 12-17 have been rewritten and made dependent on the new independent base claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102/103

Claims 1-9, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 55-159578. The claims have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 1-10, 12-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartman (U.S. Patent No. 4,548,862). The claims have been canceled thereby rendering the rejection moot.

New Claims

Applicant acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 17. The subject matter of this claim is found in new dependent claims 43 and 49. As noted above, new independent claims 18 and 28 define the anisotropic conductive film embodiments shown in Figs. 1B to 1D and 1F of the present application while new method claims 38 and 44 recite the methods of making these embodiments. Specifically, neither JP 55-159578 nor Hartman disclose or suggest an embodiment comprising ferromagnetic particles linked to each other by magnetism in a chain and then coating the chain with a metal layer. See Figs. 1B to 1D. While the ferromagnetic particles themselves may have a coating of metal and the particles linked in a chain by magnetism, neither JP 55-159578 nor Hartman disclose coating the chain with a second layer of metal as illustrated in Fig. 1F. For these reasons, all of the new claims are distinguishable over the prior art.

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Conclusion

It is submitted that the claims 18-49 are patentable over the teachings of the prior art relied upon by the Examiner. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims is requested in light of the preceding amendments and remarks. Allowance of the claims is courteously solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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